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trailer. For example, Figs. 8 and 9 illustrate a trailer chassis 102 having a frame or bed 103, a running gear or set of wheels 104, and a support jack or landing gear 112. The trailer chassis 102 includes a slide frame or suspension system (not shown) that couples the wheels 104 to the frame. The suspension system enables the wheels 104 to move relative to the frame 103 between a pivot position (shown in solid lines in Figs. 8 and 9) and an operating position (shown in hidden lines in Figs. 8 and 9 as wheels 104').

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 18, 50 and 52 such that they read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for transporting vehicles comprising the steps of:  
providing a module shaped and sized to receive vehicles therein;  
providing a trailer chassis coupled to a tractor, said tractor and said trailer chassis being located on or adjacent to an external surface;  
detachably locating said module on said trailer chassis; and  
driving said vehicles from said external surface into said module.
2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said module includes a roof and a bottom support structure which supports said vehicles thereon after said driving step, said roof and said bottom support structure being spaced apart such that only a single layer of vehicles can be received between said roof and said bottom support structure.
5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the step of driving said tractor to a desired location to transport said vehicles located inside said module to said desired location.

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Amendment

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of uncoupling said module from said trailer chassis and placing said module onto a carrier to further transport said vehicles located inside said module.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of, before said driving step, pivoting said trailer chassis such that a loading side of said module is located closer to said external surface.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein said driver-side side wall includes a plurality of openings, and wherein a front driver-side door of each vehicle driven into said module is opened into one of said plurality of openings when said a driver enters or exits the associated vehicle.

50. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said driving step occurs after said locating step.

52. (Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said trailer chassis is pivoted about said set of wheels in a first direction during said pivoting step, and wherein the method further comprises, after said driving step, pivoting said trailer chassis in a second direction such that said trailer chassis is oriented generally horizontally.


Add the following new claims 55-59:

55. The method of claim 2 wherein the distance between said roof and said bottom support structure is less than about double the height of at least one of said vehicles.

56. A method for transporting vehicles comprising the steps of:

providing a module <sup>(1,3)</sup> shaped and sized to receive vehicles therein;  
providing a trailer chassis <sup>(1,2)</sup> coupled to a tractor, said tractor and said trailer chassis  
being located on or adjacent to an external <sup>(1,4)</sup> surface;  
locating said module on said trailer chassis;  
pivoting said trailer chassis such that a loading side of said module is located  
closer to said external surface; and  
driving said vehicles from said external surface into said module.

57. The method of claim 56 wherein said module is removably located on said trailer chassis.

 58. A method for transporting vehicles comprising the steps of:  
providing a module shaped and sized to receive vehicles therein;  
providing a trailer chassis coupled to a tractor, said tractor and said trailer chassis  
being located on or adjacent to an external surface;  
locating said module on said trailer chassis;  
forwardly driving said vehicles from said external surface into said module;  
driving said tractor to a desired location to transport said vehicles located inside  
said module to said desired location; and  
forwardly driving said vehicles from said module to an external surface at said  
desired location.

59. A method for transporting vehicles comprising the steps of:  
providing a module shaped and sized to receive vehicles therein, wherein said  
module includes a driver-side side wall, a passenger-side side wall parallel to and laterally spaced  
from said driver-side side wall, a bottom support structure extending between said side walls and  
shaped to support said vehicles thereon, and a roof spaced from said bottom support structure